THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) and (b). The Non-Plan expenditure of the Central Government from 1993-94 onwards and the details thereof are given in the table below :

(Rs. crore)

	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96 RE
Total Non-Plan expenditure	98191	113361	134320
Interest Payments	36741	44060	52000
Defence	21845	23245	26879
Subsidies	12864	12982	13726
Police and internal security	2682	2665	3143
Pensions	3005	3643	4295
Tax collections	818	920	1096
Loan to States & UTs against net small saving collections	5000	9649	10112
Write off of loans to States	-	-	1010
Non-Plan transfer to State under FC award	1817	1701	5266
Issue of bonus shares	-	529	1035
Issue of voter identity cards	-	225	225
Other Non-Plan expenditure	13419	13742	15533

(c) to (f). As already announced in Budget speech, an Expenditure Management and Reforms Commission proposed to be constituted to advise the Government on the steps to be taken to control expenditure.

[Translation]

Safety of Coal Mines

545. PROF. RITA VERMA : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) the steps taken for the protection and safety of the coal mines under each ancillary unit of Coal India Limited during the last three years;

(b) the amount spent by ancillary units of Coal India Limited for protection and safety of each coal mine during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) the details of arrangement made for stowing of coal from mines by rail; and

(d) the amount spent on this account in different ancillary units during last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH) : (a) Preventive steps as laid down in detail in the Coal Mines Regulations 1957, directives of Directorate General of Mines Safety, Expert Committee recommendations as also in the recommendations of various Courts of Inquiry, Safety Conferences, etc. are adopted by the mine-managements. Special emphasis is given in introducing roof bolting, roof stitching & steel support systems of roof supports and implementing comprehensive water management plans for precautions against inundation. For better observance of these steps, Government is promoting self-regulation by coal companies through internal safety audits, workers' participation in safety management, tripartite/bipartite reviews at various levels, training and retraining of work persons, observance of safety weeks and safety campaigns and national safety awards.

(b) Safety is an inherent aspect of operations in coal mining. As such, revenue expenditure made on some of the safety components can not be distinctly segregated from production expenditure. However, the amount spent on major safety-oriented items by Coal India Limited (CIL), both capital and revenue, during 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95 is as under :-

(figures in Rs. Lakhs)

Year	Capital	Revenue
1992-93	18,23	263,97
1994-94	21,47	282,82
1994-95	25,87	323,52

(c) and (d). Voids created in underground mines by extraction of coal are in some cases filled by sand stowing. No stowing material is brought by rail in any mine of CIL for the purpose of stowing. The amount spent on sand stowing in mines of CIL during the last three years has been as under :-

(Rs. in lakhs)

1993-94	107,25
1994-95	117,66
1995-96	123,86

[English]

R.R.Bs. in Orissa

546. SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the Regional Rural Banks functioning in Orissa at present, location-wise;

(b) the main objectives of these banks and the achievements made by them during the last two years and in 1996, so far;